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EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA, JANUARY, 1951

The Commonwealth Statistician has issued a preliminary statement relating to employment in Australia during the month of January, 1951, with corresponding figures for earlier months. Detailed statistics on all groups mentioned below will appear shortly in the usual monthly Bulletin.

Monthly records of employment referred to in this statement relate to all wage and salary earners except those in rural industry and female private domestic service, and therefore cover about 90 per cent of all wage and salary earners in employment. Figures quoted are subject to revision.

Particulars of wage and salary earners in employment in Australia, according to main industrial groups, are shown in the following table for the months of January, 1950, December, 1950 and January, 1951.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

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Month	Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups								Total
	Mining and Quarrying	Factories	Building and Construction	Transport and Communication	Retail Trade	Other Commerce and Finance	Professional and Personal Services	Other	
M A L E S									
Jan. 1950	53.5	642.7	186.0	285.2	127.4	175.9	171.1	180.4	1822.2
Dec. 1950	54.1	663.0	202.8*	292.8	134.0	184.2	172.6	180.7*	1884.2*
Jan. 1951	54.4	666.4	203.4	292.5	129.8	187.6	172.7	181.9	1888.7
F E M A L E S									
Jan. 1950	0.7	217.5	3.2	37.9	111.2	63.1	208.2	32.4	674.2
Dec. 1950	0.8	228.1	3.5	40.0	124.9	67.4	213.6	33.2	711.5
Jan. 1951	0.8	226.4	3.5	39.9	118.1	68.6	212.9	33.5	703.7
P E R S O N S									
Jan. 1950	54.2	860.2	189.2	323.1	238.6	239.0	379.3	212.8	2496.4
Dec. 1950	54.9	891.1	206.3*	332.8	258.9	251.6	386.2	213.9*	2595.7*
Jan. 1951	55.2	892.8	206.9	332.4	247.9	256.2	385.6	215.4	2592.4

* Revised.

EMPLOYMENT BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES

The number of persons employed in Australia by the Public Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, the post office, air transport, education, police, public works, migration, etc., and in administration in January, 1951 was 671,500. There was an increase of 1,600 in the numbers employed by public authorities of the Commonwealth and a decrease of 200 in those of State and Local Authorities.

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